Week 23 Match 17 PPP v TT Saturday 06/05/23

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PPP Squad - KLC4 Kit
A. Bhable, A. Mishra, P. Kothari, S. Kadam, S. Inamdar, T. Pardeshi
Loans -
GK Loan of A. Bhorde (PCF)
OF Loan from PCF squad available on rotation except GKL for TT.

TT - Squad - Grey Kit
1.Niranjan Sarda 2.P Gurhani 3.I Ghotge 4. A Bansal 5. N Patwardhan 6. S Sharma 7 R. Joshi
Loan - Goalkeeper loan V Jobanputra from PCF

PCF MDDO's plus OFL's for PPP -
M. Inamdar, Deo, Sawant, Khan

PPP Preview Submitted by A. Mishra

First and foremost we would like to thank KFANDRA and Neel Sir for allowing us to be able to have a team meeting and discuss our game plan as well as any other issues regarding the encounter on Saturday during the session held on Thursday. We, especially thank Neel Sir for his continuous guidance and also his advice for setting up tactics for this upcoming match.

After a long drawn gap, the final cup matches are upon us. This is a crucial encounter for both PPP and TT as the tie hangs by a thread and may go to any of the two sides. TT has recently finished in second position in the league after a draw with PCF, so they will definitely try to get their hands on this trophy. PPP have the slightest of upper hands with the 1-0 win in the 1st Leg of this semi final.

PPP is definitely pumped up as a squad and are raring to go. We will give it our all to get a result and step into the final of the KLC4 Cup. The season has been a long one for us, especially with the ups and downs faced at many stages. We have finally shown that we can work as a unit and can be a formidable force as long as we play to our strengths and follow the blueprint correctly. It will be a match where we will be playing with a GK Loan, 6 players from our squad and a rotating Outfield Loan from the PCF players available on match day. We will try and make the most of this situation too.

We hope to do a much better job than our previous and last KLC4 league match against PCF wherein we could have grabbed the championship had we kept our nerves. This is a litmus test for the PPP squad and we shall definitely do our best.

We wish TT the best of luck for this encounter.

PPP vs TT Preview by Priyank Gurhani

We would like to thank KFANDRA for organising the Kfandra cup tournament. We are all glad to be a part of this highly competitive tournament . We are also thankful for all the work that goes behind the scenes for editing the highlights shows too .

TT are thankful to KFANDRA and our opponents PPP for letting this be a 8 a side match. With our 7 players available to play outfield we are looking forward to this semi final tie .

With the first leg's score in mind ,TT will come prepared to fight with all their might in this match. We are aware it's a do or die match for both teams as the league has already been won by PCF .So nothing less than a super tense match can be expected.We would again like to thank KFANDRA for the blueprints and also for the team setup advice on Thursdays session for better clarity to our plan.

Khare’s Preview on behalf of KFANDRA

Only two matches to go!
And for both PPP and TT, this may be the last match of the season for them.
So much has happened over the season and I hope a lot of the players will take pen to paper and write about their experiences once the season ends on May the 13th.
PPP take a one goal lead into this 2nd leg SF. This leg is a match that was postponed from earlier in the season. A lot of adjusting of the fixtures happened because the rule to continue with the matches with a reduced player-per-side quota came in much later.
One must wonder what the results would’ve been if the rule was implemented at the beginning of the season. Simply because the two PCF players that played in that fateful first leg and were instrumental in the goal that’s put PPP 1 nil up, wouldn’t have played.
So many permutations and combinations, it boggles the mind!
The session on Thursday brought doubts in my mind whether what I’ve been saying all along was true. (One of the teams in the short game played as if they had no confidence and no idea about tactics). That the players have progressed so much that their inclination is to talk about tactics and strategies than to talk about how sexy

a goal was or what a good player so and so is. This kind of talk is the talk of a fan. The kind of talk where the Clubs focus on tactics is called progress.
Little do the players realize that just one or at least 2 seasons at KFANDRA; including the off-seasons, is enough for each player to go out and coach any amateur side in the world. Some may even be able to coach a pro-club side.
A KFANDRA player looks at a goal from at least a minute before the goal was scored. Hence, the HS, where the goals are shown with either the build up that makes it special or the goof-up that led to the goal. That's why the HS includes the name of the player that was involved in the goal when he passed to the fellow that gave the final assist. Which is why when a mistake is made, usually the opposition player gets a hand in the goal too.
The two Clubs have to approach this match, not only as a Cup SF 2nd Leg match, but as a match that has been arranged to test their knowledge of the game.
The questions they need to constantly ask themselves are, when should they change the plan? Should they make a positional change? Is the plan working? Is there enough time left to make the change? And I can go on and on.
A player with no knowledge of tactics, or a fan-player just thinks for himself and wonders which players in his team can help him play well. A player low on confidence is just focused on not making mistakes, when little does he understand that his teammate may be thinking the same thing. Two players thinking only about themselves is not good for any side. In this democratic set-up, with the BP and C to guide the players, everyone has to speak. The Captains are there to take the final call, after which everyone must follow that final call, without grumbling.
PPP are faced with rotating 4 OFL players throughout the game. What is important is that they rotate the players to ensure that their own players get proper game-time in their own preferred positions. This is the KFANDRA Way.
But, in circumstances as this 2nd leg match, sometimes sacrifices are needed, but only if the players asked to make a sacrifice agree. For eg, if one of the players can defend with his eyes closed, is this the match where you'd ask one of your players that's still learning the game and is still low on confidence, to play in defence while the loanee plays up front?
I know the answer to this question. But it's a Club match and sometimes tough decisions need to be taken. This should be fun!
I'm extremely confident in the players and I'm sure we'll have a rip-roaring match in store.
All the best to both the Clubs!

Reviews

Match review by Sudarshan Sharma

Saturday 06/05/2023
CUP Semifinals

PPP vs TT
SCORE (both legs combined score)
PPP-2, TT-3

Score for PPP - Tan
Score for TT- Pat(2), Rohan (1)

Formation 4-2-1

Match Review
We decided to play with 4-2-1 formation as decided and thought of 3-3-1 only in case of any different situation. As the whistle blew and the game started we decided to play keeping the basics in mind.L. We tried to pass around and play more defensively as we were one goal down from the first leg and didn't want to risk and concede one more goal in the first half. Since the start we only thought of passing around and playing good football and attacking only when it is the right time.

With 4 man defence we were able to hold them good in all the possibilities. TT made some good moves in the first half and during one of the moves Pat was fouled inside opponents D and got a Pop. Pat scored the pop and this gave TT a boost.
Crank and Poison did a nice work by shouting on top of their voices to all the players to play in their positions properly.
TT scored one more goal in the first half with a nice assist from Crank.
PPP were also creating chances, a few very nice long balls from their team was noticed.
PPP got a freekick and Tan scored a nice goal which made the combined score 2-2 (one goal from the first leg)

During the half time talks we decided to continue the same formation and wanted to take a lead as it was the semifinals. PPP made a few changes in the formation and soon Mukul also came.
In a while Rohan scored a goal for TT and as Neel Sir had guided during the session. We shifted our formation to 5-2 ultra defensive. Just to maintain the lead. Though TT was new to this formation but they tried their best to play. At the end Tan almost scored a goal for PPP but it hit the pole and came back and it was very lucky for TT.
Soon the match ended TT won.

Finally, I would say that there is still some things lacking as a team and a need for the whole team to improve and play a nice game.

Thanks to Poison for taking out his valuable time for playing with us and helping us with his experience.

Thanks a ton to Mr. Khare for for assisting TT during the Thursday session and not punishing TT for few of the players coming late on the ground.
We also thank all the Match Officials for helping us today morning.

Personal player review by Mukul Inamdar (Playing on loan for PPP)

I would like to thank Kfandra for approving my loan. This loan meant that I have played in each and every match this season. Out of the 4 loanees, I was planned to go last. When I went in, the score was 3-1 and PPP were chasing. I was asked to play in CM first in a 4-2-1 and after some time in 3-3-1 formation. I had decided to use all my energy and fitness as I had fresh legs and those who were playing were tired. In the period when I played, PPP got 2-3 good chances to equalize but otherwise I felt that there was lack of coordination amongst players. This was to do with the fact that everyone including me had become desparate and frantic to get one goal before the final whistle. In hindsight, I should have kept my cool and should have played more sensibly allowing players around me to shine rather than run everywhere like a headless chicken. In the end TT looked more settled and organised and deserved to win. Hard luck to PPP. Thanks a lot for reading the review.

Personal review by N Sarda

Cup SF Leg2 PPP v TT

What an exciting match it turned out to be. Since PP were 1-0 up from the first leg, we knew we had to go all out. A combination of inputs from Sir through his review of TT's last league match and the preview he put up for this match helped set the tone for all of us.

We started with a 4-2-1 formation and played a little more attacking today. It helped a lot that we also went back to 8-a-side game - the flow just felt much more comfortable today probably cause most games this season we have played with 8 players. We managed to score 2 goals in the first half through Pat and gave one away. Level at half-time (accounting for the 1 goal lead PPP had), we decided to continue the same formation and play more attacking football in the 2nd half.

Ro'an got his first goal I think and that got us the lead we wanted with the aggregate score at 3-2 in our favour. The last 15-min of the match, we switched to a very defensive 5-2 formation. During the half-time, we discussed switching to this formation for the last 10 min, if we had the lead. I don't know how it looked from the outside, but it was a crazy 15 min playing a formation we hadn't tried before. On 2

different occasions we checked with Crank if we should switch back since at times it seemed the 5-2 was not working out. But we persisted and I think these 15 min everyone really pulled up their game when it came to defensive duties. Strangely this was also the period when we got so many counter opportunities and with PPP GKL Mop coming up almost to the half-line, we probably should have got another 1 or 2 goals.

In the dying moments, the move where Tan managed to get past the defense line and take a shot was nerve wracking! It hit the pole and saved us from going into a tie-breaker. A special thank you to Poison, our GKL for constant calling and pumping us up from the goals.

The 1st half for TT seemed to have a fair bit of errors and mispasses and poor communication. But comparatively in the 2nd half, it felt like the whole team came together and played well like a unit and reduced the errors. Perhaps that is why this victory feels even better. As is usual though, there tends to be a gap between what I think and what the facts are. :) So will eagerly await Sir's review and the edit of the HS.

Unfortunately this is my last match this season and I will have to miss the final due to travel next week. So I wish to whole-heartedly thank Sir and the entire KFANDRA team for a fantastic season - so much of learning through the tactical, technical sessions during the year.

Looking forward to playing with all in KLC5!

And for the cup finals - Go Turtles!!! :)

Thank you

Official match review by Priyank Gurhani

League match PPP vs TT

Date 06/05/2023

Score PPP 1 (1) vs TT 3 (2)

Firstly our heartiest thanks to KFANDRA for organising and refeering for this match . We would also like to thank our Goalkeeper loan V Jobanputra for playing with us .What a great influence he had for us!

Today's semifinal was one of the most important match for us.We are grateful to KFANDRA we were able to play a proper 8 a side game . The build up to the match

was very intense. Alot was riding on both teams as this was a do or die for both of TT and PPP.

The match started with TT kicking off towards the parking side . We had decided to setup in 4-2-1 formation from kick off. Our plan was to press PPP once their centre backs entered our half. Also certain man marking information was given to N Patwardhan and P Gurhani to basically square against S Inamdar and T Pardeshi respectively. This was to not let our opposition settle into the match and dominate possession. Our plan was also to keep the ball as much as possible but PPP were also pressing us well and making it very hard to play through the middle.But we kept on pressing and we were rewarded for our hard work. Our first goal came through a mesmerising run down the middle by N Patwardhan who was having a very good game today. His second goal was also of similar nature through a counter attack.

PPP once 2-0 down forced their way back into the game and ended up scoring one to make it 2-1. At this stage the tide was turning towards PPP but we were lucky the half time whistle blew and TT got a respite. But we were confident we could continue in the same fashion and decided we should push for another goal.
In the second half,we took a risk but were rewarded when our new member Rohan Joshi had a great one on one chance created by N Patwardhan .He finished sublimely. At this stage TT decided to switch to 5-2 and went all out defensive. KFANDRA had suggested this formation on Thursday to us and we decided to not take any more risks and give PPP the respect they deserve. Even against our ultra defensive formation PPP were able to create a couple of great chances and we got quite lucky they didn't convert one of them.In the end when the final whistle blew we had survived just by a narrow margin but that was enough for us to reach the final.On we go!

Again we would like to thank KFANDRA for all the efforts and hardwork for this match and the full season that has been a journey of great experience for all of us. We would also like to thank KFANDRA for the prize money for the match win. We are looking forward to enjoying a good treat with that!

Thank you

PPP v TT KLC Cup SF 2nd Leg Personal Review by Shubhankar Inamdar

Thank you KFANDRA and Neel sir for organizing the KLC Cup SF 2nd Leg between PPP and TT. It was a disappointing end to PPP's season as we lost out on both the league and cup in successive matches. I feel that we had a promising build up to the match during the week as the team has discussed plans for the match and Neel sir had kindly advised us on our strategy. We had a 1-0 lead from the first leg, so we decided to play with a normal approach and not overcommit. However we suffered an early setback due to my mistake. N Patwardhan took a heavy touch while

dribbling through our defence. But I could neither control the ball fully nor let it run clean through to our GK. I'm not quite sure what happened but I think the ball hit me, I thought it got stuck under my feet so I stopped but the ball ricocheted and rolled towards our keeper anyway. As I stopped, it impeded N Patwardhan and prevented a 1v1 situation. This is what I thought happened but I could be wrong. This resulted in a POP and we conceded a very avoidable goal early in the game. TT's 2nd goal was also a result of a mispass by our player which allowed N Patwardhan to race through and finish. We should have managed to close the gap between me and S Kadam faster to make it more difficult for him. The goal that we scored was a result of more aggression and persistence that we showed after going down 0-2. TT's 3rd goal was again down to poor defending on our part, although R Joshi kept his composure and finished well for his first goal in KLC. TT decided to play ultra defensive in the closing stages and played on the counter. I think we put significant pressure in TT's half in the 2nd half and created a few chances. As the game got stretched, we sometimes resorted to using our 10%. There was an incident in the 2nd half when we didn't follow KFANDRA ETHOS. Neel sir spoke to us during and after the match about it and we are very sorry for this incident!

Looking back at PPP's season overall, I think we got what we deserved in terms of results and final positioning. We had our ups and downs and are disappointed with the outcome. But I hope this experience will benefit us in the future editions of KLC and other tournaments. I would like to thank KFANDRA and Neel sir for all their efforts throughout the season! Thanks to all my PPP teammates and sorry for my mistakes during the season. All the best to PCF and TT for the Cup Final! Hope we have a cracking end to the season!

PPP review by T. Pardeshi

Other than having fun and getting to experience professional football, the KLC4 has been a great journey for every player involved in it. Like sir has mentioned multiple times till now, the technical and tactical growth of every team and player has been so immense and it is all thanks to KFANDRA and Neel sir. Without sir, this setup is truly impossible and I cannot thank him enough for this. This was most likely my last season being a part of this setup and I am truly going to miss this because it cannot be found anywhere else.

We would also like to thank A. Bhorde for playing as GKL for us and A. Deo, A. Sawant, S. Khan and M. Inamdar for playing as OFL for us.

It seemed as if we had everything under control until two weeks ago with both the league title and cup for grabs. Unfortunately, PPP has lost the chance of winning either and we would like to congratulate TT and PCF for making it to the cup final. Coming to the match, our plan was to not be too conservative but not too aggressive

as well. This is because we were a goal up after the first leg of the semi final and we did not want to lose the advantage.

We had discussed our plans and strategy with sir after the Thursday session to continue playing the way we have been playing and had a couple of backup formations and positions in case we concede a goal, take the lead or lose our lead. We ended up giving TT a POP very early into the game which was converted into a goal by N. Patwardhan. I think this was one of the incidents where everyone lose their morale a little bit and went on the back foot. In the end, TT came out on the top by scoring another goal after we had levelled with them at 2-2 in aggregate score.

Talking about my personal game, I really feel that I should have done better with my close control and should have not let the scoreline affect my game. I had a lot of chances to breakthrough which failed before I could even start the attack because of me not being calm and patient. I had one clear chance right during the last minutes of the game and unfortunately the ball hit the post and rebound. I also feel that as a unit, we were giving TT lots of space and time when they were on the attack and we should have put more pressure on them.

Finally, I would like to say that it was a tough competitive game between both the sides and it was intense and fun for us even though the result did not turn up in our favour. I am eagerly waiting for sir's review on this match as he did not speak about the match a lot on the ground and I would love to read his views on the game.

Match Review by V. Jobanputra GK Loan for TT

I would like to thank respected KFANDRA for organising the KLC4 tournament and for keeping everyone entertained with the match highlights show and videos. Additionally I would like to thank the MDD’s for helping with the smooth flow of the match and for doing their duties. Every game has been unique in terms of the permutations and combinations that Neel Sir has provided the clubs with whether it be shortage of players or any other circumstance. Nowhere else will you find such a brilliant setup where the strategy and tactics are laid out for each club in a brilliant manner so as to suit every player playing in a position where Sir feels they would best fit to play in. It has become so easy for the clubs to pick from a handful of formations and play as per the desired conditions arising during the match. It is definitely a beautiful system.

After the warm up Sir has made it customary for the GK’s to get some quick practice and guidance on how they are supposed to perform their duties. I was told by Sir that there needs to be continuous communication from the GK to the players, always reminding them of their positions and maintaining the formation. So much so that you should feel that your throat is hurting and I can tell you for sure that I had to pop in a couple of cough drops after reaching home. I tried my best to keep calling and

communicating with the team and at times found myself shouting but apologised to the players. TT got the upper hand right at the start of the game and even got in 2 quick goals, the second was a good goal by Patwardhan. But after that for the remainder 15 minutes of the first half they were a bit hasty on the attack and lost the ball too quickly. They conceded a couple of free kicks in their half and this gave PPP a chance to get a goal back from one of them. This made the score level as PPP were carrying a goal advantage from the first match. At the beginning of the second half TT displayed some good possession and movement and this helped them gain the lead again through R. Joshi. They decided to go ultra defensive in the last 10 minutes and this got a few players a little rattled. A flurry of attacks from PPP began to cause a bit of panic at the back and T. Pardeshi almost levelled the score with one of his signature low shots from a great angle that only looks beautiful from a left footed player like him, unfortunately for him the ball hit the post and fortunately for me as GK and for TT it did not go in. It was a great shot and from a brilliant angle, even after a full stretch dive I could not get a hand to it.

TT ended up winning the game and it was a good fight put up by PPP. I wish TT all the best for the final.

Thank you for reading the review.

Review of KLC Cup semifinal 2nd Leg PPP vs TT by S. Khan

I would like to start by thanking KFANDRA for organizing KLC4 and congratulating KFANDRA on how successful and interesting KLC has become over time.
Thank you very much to Mr. Khare who has made sure everything runs so smoothly on the match day in spite of having his injuries. Also, I would like to thank Mr. Kare for providing the blueprint and the Compendium and keep updating it with time. No matter whether we are in any situation, the blueprint and compendium have the answer for it.

I would like to thank PPP for taking me on loan and allowing the game time on a rotational basis.

As the match starts, PPP were having a 1-0 lead from 1st leg. But due to some mistakes by PPP, a pop awarded N. Patwardhan who made no mistake to equalize the 1st Leg lead. The match was a complete seesaw match where you can see the result can flip in any direction. A few mins later, TT gets into a good counter-attack and Patwardhan scores another to take the lead. After this, TT got a better chance to score a counter-attack but Joshi missed a chance. Before the first half could end, S. Inamdar scored an indirect free kick. The score becomes equal again and the match could go into a tie-breaker.

In the second half, I got the chance to play for the first 15 mins. It was a good experience to play with PPP. We conceded a goal around 5-10 mins in the second half.
Joshi scored a good goal from a cross, I think it was from Patwardhan. The goal was a result of slight miscommunication between me and Mishare. I was calling Mishra that everyone else has pushed up, only he has to push up to catch Joshi offside but my call wasn't clear and Joshi got the chance to score the goal. After that, TT went into ultra-defense, and PPP had many good chances. One of the chances was very interesting I guess just a minute before the final whistle where S.Inamdar and Pardeshi did a few brilliant 1-2s and then Pardeshi took a good shot at the far post. Unfortunately, the ball hit the pole an bounced out.
Congratulations TT for the win and to enter the final.

Khare's Review on behalf of KFANDRA

Perfection has always been KFANDRA's goal and I can tell you people that perfection is not easy. And almost every time, it's not possible. But if we don't target perfection and are always satisfied in attaining something below perfection, then is that the right way to go?
It's a different case if we target perfection and end up attaining a level below that. Then we can do nothing but be satisfied with what we've accomplished, because in the end of it all, we'd tried our best.

Makes you think doesn't it?
For eg. perfection for most every human is to find a brilliant and loving partner, make a lot of money, enough at least to support your family of which your kids are as you'd dreamed they'd be, and live the rest of your life being happy.
Some jump into the sea searching for perfection,which is a treasure chest in some chasm below the seabed, without carrying a life jacket and with no plans.
Some jump in with precautions in place.
Some don't jump in immediately but bide their time.
And some never jump in.

At KFANDRA, the KLC4 was started with the belief that all those months of training, would bring the players as close to perfection as possible. The plans were set and the BP and C were created. Jumping into the sea wasn't as precarious as it could've been.
Unfortunately, the players felt that the plans and precautions weren't strong. And they jumped in without KFANDRA's backing, they believed that their way was the right way and that's why the season almost ended before it started. With the deduction of points signalling the warning to the Clubs that all wasn't well and that the players and Clubs were seconds away from sinking into the deep, dark sea.

But, the Clubs and players pulled through, they decided to trust the BP and C and threw their doubts away.

And this is where we are now. Reading a review about the 2nd last match of the season. And what can be said? Are we close to perfection?

Perfection, taken in this context and not some treasure in the sea, would be if the players went completely by the BP and C in terms of the match and respected each other on and off it. That they arrived at the match on time and helped set up everything together.
Once you look at perfection in these terms than we are still a ways away from achieving it.
In this match I threatened a player that I was on the verge of saying it just can't work any more.

That too, the KLC4 after such a poor start, was on the verge of breaking all records. Basically, the one's that I created in my mind.
That such a hotch potch of egoes and personalities, could merge and flow as if they were symbiotic in nature. Some relationships have grown but some have been quite fractious.

Perfection? So close but still so far.

The match

It began as I expected it to; especially so as I sensed the players were extremely nervous, with errors strewn all about the place.
What made it unlike a typical FIFA amateur match, was the fact that the players were mature enough to try and build up the game from the back. This is unseen of in the outside world, when KFANDRA is what to us is the world. Playing out from the back settled nerves and made the game look very professional.
Both teams were trying to find a way through and it was so typical of a well contested chess match. They fizzled each other out most times.
What got the breakthrough for both sides were mistakes.
For TT's first two goals, S. Inamdar did the unthinkable for giving away a POP and Kothari and Bhorde GKL messed up their roles.
S. Inamdar expressed his confusion at what happened, for he felt he got a touch on the ball before Patwardhan collided with him. In the ref's view, as Inamdar rushed back he managed to get a touch on the ball with his heel. He was now twisting towards his own goal and as the ball hit his heel, he was unaware of the where the ball was going. The ball was in fact rolling to a stop between Inamdar's legs as he placed his right leg down ready to turn. Just at that moment, Patwardhan kicked the ball through Inamdar's legs and rushed to go round Inamdar. The timing was

extremely bad for Inamdar. For as Patwardhan touched the ball, Inamdar's foot touch the ground and there was built an impenetrable wall that Patwardhan crashed into.
For PPP lone effort, Joshi did the FIFA marking crap that is banned at KFANDRA. He was extremely lucky that the ref did not award a POP and a red card. PPP scored so he'd have been back on anyway.
TT's 3rd goal happened because PPP couldn't get rid of the ball properly. By giving Patwardhan a lot of space, they should've been aware while defending, but they weren't. I noticed Gurhani was offside on the far side but he was not involved in play.
After the match, Khan kept saying that he was in such a position where he saw Kadam, S. Inamdar and himself were ahead of Joshi of TT but Mishra was still a yard behind, and that he was trying to tell Mishra the same thing.
There were a number of things that went wrong with this offside trap. The first question was, that even if the plan was to catch offside, how come the ball was played between Mishra and Khan? What happened to compact defending? For an offside trap, the last man, one of the two Cd's S. Inamdar or Mishra has to step up to catch offside. If the opposition players gets caught offside off a static back four unit, that that player is crap. For this goal, Mishra actually took a step back when the ball was played. In any case, Mishra was putting Joshi onside with his positioning.
Mishra's arm went up in a last gasp hope that Joshi may be offside.
This was one match where the ref was least bothered with the appeals and used his experience to take the decisions.
Bhorde must also be blamed for his Keeping. For such a fine player outfield, Bhorde couldn't play as well as I know he can, in goals. Joshi literally side stepped the ball into the D and scored. Bhorde's positioning was poor, and he kept hesitating on whether to charge or hang back.
With TT deciding to defend, the nerves left PPP and they created a few chances. TT also created quite a few chances too, chances that were bound to arise from the counter attacking strategy.
I'm just happy that it wasn't the ref's decision that caused one team to lose and one team to win.

Important notes -
I thought out of the loanee's, M. Inamdar was the most focused. He covered a lot of ground while doing BRE work and was concentrating so much during the CPC work that he was bent over and all that was left was to give him a microscope and a test tube.
This was the last time Joshi will get away with shite. He's been with us for a little more than a month I think and the newbie tag is off. His reaction after the ref awarded the POP and during a couple other incidences was not abiding by the KFANDRA Ethos, and if he carries on this way, he will get carded.
Mishra was carrying a lot of weight on his shoulders and playing him in Cd was not the wisest thing to do. Sometimes, real-life can cast a bigger shadow than anything else we do. I knew of Mishra's troubles and I keep telling everyone Mishra is the sort of fellow that will take the pressure on himself willingly, even though he won't be able

to take it. Mishra should've been asked to play without stress up front. But for this to happen, Mishra should've informed his teammates or asked me to get involved, When things were already planned on Thursday, it was up to the player to inform his teammates about his stress levels.
I'd have immediately asked PPP to switch a few positions around and change the plan at the last moment.
Oh yes, this is a part of football too. Sometimes well laid out plans have to be scrapped. It's these decisions that make good learning.
Aha! What is important to add is that the change would always have to come through me. Simply because you chaps have come to play and not coach and you don't want to go trampling on your teammates egoes.
And finally Babhale, who can't seem to shake off bad habits. I really like the guy as I like all my players, and I can tell you chaps that the chaps I don't like, KFANDRA won't keep. But Babhale is treading on extremely thin ice and unless he makes an effort to change, the writing is on the wall. Bechara Kadam bore the brunt of Babhale temper as Kadam was the path of least resistance and also because he was playing on the left. Let me ask Babhale, who made Babhale confident to play on the left? Before he says anything, let me quickly say it was me. This was only because I knew he could make that place his own, way back in those KITFO days. But why can't he play the same way on the right or in any position for that matter? You see, it's all in the mind. And his mind needs a big massive clean up. Kadam's such a nice guy and I feel for him.
I love the mavericks and the cheeky sods too, for without them this world would be boring, but I feel more for the quiet and unassuming chaps. For these guys, I have to work hard on them in different ways. For the over confident fellows, all what is needed is for them to deal with their egoes.

The Loanees

(I did not help PPP with their positioning of the loanees, this was all PPP's doing).
Jobanputra was brilliant in goals, for goalkeeping is mostly being loud. A GK allows a team to grow in confidence and Jobanputra was all that and more. His kicking was perfect with the tee and without. If only he can control the direction of his kicks when he's playing outfield!
Bhorde was a ghost of his outfield self. His lack of confidence was shocking. The 1st goal Inamdar had covered the far angle and all Patwardhan could aim at was Bhorde. He was quiet on more occasions than the other Keeper.
Khan didn't disappoint but nor did he set the world on fire, which means he did well for his 15 mins of fame.
M. Inamdar tried too hard and this screwed up with PPP's plan for him I'm sure. He lost the ball a couple of times and this could've proved disastrous. When he did settle down though, it was enough. Inamdar has reached a position of stature now at KFANDRA. He doesn't know this but I'm telling him now. I know my players inside out and I know Inamdar has nothing left to prove. All he can do is improve on the strong levels he's already at. What PPP needed was Inamdar's composure and not

his panic. They needed his Marathi and not his English. One thing he can work on though, is his tendency to dwell on his own mistake or a teammates. He should learn to move on quickly.

The players

Ghotge and Kothari are in the same sort of position right now. Nice players that will sacrifice everything for the good of the team. But they make too many errors and don't seem to get upset with those errors. They must show more emotion!

S. Inamdar and Pardeshi could've switched more often. Inamdar deserved some time up front to try and turn things around. Pardeshi had to prove that he can play just as well in Cd like before. I told PPP not to risk Babhale because he's too much of a maverick. Maybe in the future when he calms down.

The Completed Pass Count

PPP
1st H
Def - 98
Att - 44
Total - 142

PPP
2nd H
Def - 60
Att - 69
Total - 129

TT
1st H
Def - 54
Att - 48
Total - 102

TT
2nd H
Def - 41
Att - 28
Total - 69

PPP

Def - 158
Att - 113
Total - 271

TT
Totals
Def - 95
Att - 76
Total -171

PPP passes completed per minute -
Def H - 2.63
Att H - 1.88 Total - 4.51
TT passes completed per minute -
Def H - 1.58
Att H - 1.26 Total - 2.85